

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

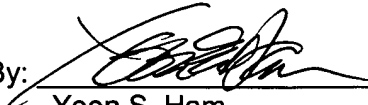
Claims 6-10 and 15-18 have been canceled, claims 3-5 have been amended, and new claims 21-23 have been added. Claims 1, 3-5, 11-14 and 19-23 are pending in this application.

Claims 6-10 and 15-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In response, Applicant has canceled claims 6-10 and 15-18.

In the Allowable Subject Matter, the Examiner has indicated that independent claims 1 and 14 are allowable over the prior art. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1 and 14 and their dependent claims 3-5, 11-13 and 19-23 are believed allowable.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3-5, 11-14 and 19-23 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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